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SAN BERNARDINO –San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales will donate \$35,500 from her contribution funds this week to nine non-profits serving the Bloomington community.

Last month Supervisor Gonzales joined District Attorney Mike Ramos as he announced the arrest of Arshak and Vartan Kouladjian on bribery charges following a four-month investigation. The brothers attempted to bribe the Supervisor's Chief of Staff Bob Page in connection with their plans to develop an auto auction business in Bloomington.

Though the campaign donations she received from the Kouladjian brothers were completely separate from the bribery charges, Supervisor Gonzales said that she would donate the funds to various community-based organizations in Bloomington.

"The cloud of this unfortunate incident will have a bit of a silver lining for Bloomington," said Supervisor Gonzales. "As I promised our youth, seniors, and other residents will benefit from the donations I received from the Kouladjian brothers."

Supervisor Gonzales will make donations to the following non-profits:

- Bloomington Boosters 4-H will receive \$5,000 to purchase equipment to assist with its youth-based programs and events.
- San Bernardino Valley Riders will get \$8,000 to support its annual hayride and horse show for youth with physical and developmental disabilities.
- Bloomington Community Boosters will use its \$4,000 to help support construction of a military monument in Ayala Park and the annual Bloomington Community Boosters Christmas parade.

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- Bloomington Women's Club will receive \$1,000 to produce yearbooks and to support its budget for program speakers and the Bloomington library's summer reading program.
- Bloomington Little League will get \$10,200 to purchase equipment and uniforms, and to provide scholarships for children whose families cannot afford the \$40 registration fee.
- Bloomington Neighborhood Center will use its \$800 donation to purchase a freezer to store perishable food for distribution.
- Oldtimers Foundation of the Bloomington Senior Center will receive \$5,000 to purchase equipment to assist its nutrition program and activity supplies for the Bloomington Senior Center.
- Bloomington High School's Girls Junior Varsity Softball Team and Future Farmers of America will get \$500 and \$1,000 respectively.

The softball team will use the donation to purchase equipment. The Future Farmers of America will use its money to send students to the Annual California FFA State Leadership Conference in April.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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